

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Paragraph at page 5, lines 18-20:

Figs. ~~6a-6g~~ 6a-6e and 6g show left side elevational views of Figs. ~~5a-5g~~ 5a-5e and 5g in corresponding stages of placing bags in a container;

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Paragraph starting at page 8, line 29 through page ~~11~~<sup>10</sup>, line 2:

The operation of the apparatus shown in Figs. 1-4 will hereinafter be described with reference to Figs. 5a-5i and the corresponding left side elevational views shown in Figs. ~~6a-6g~~ 6a-6e and 6g. From the feed conveyor assembly 1, two bags S are conveyed up to the stop 8. The bags S are on the second belt conveyor 7 and, as is clearly visible in Fig. 5a, they are ready to be pushed onto the collecting belt 13 by means of the transfer device 9. In Fig. 5a, it is clearly visible that the flexible curtain 20 is in a different position from the one shown in Fig. 3. In Fig. 5a, the flexible curtain 20 extends in horizontal direction and forms the bottom of the holder 14. In Figs. 5b, 6b, the bags S have been pushed onto the collecting belt 13 by means of the transfer device 9. In Figs. 5c, 6c, the retracting belt 15 has partly been moved into the holder 14 while, at the same time, the collecting belt 13 is driven in order to discharge the bags S therefrom and to place them onto retracting belt 15. In Figs. 5d, 6d, the bags S are wholly on